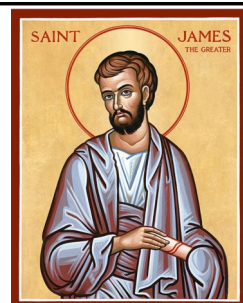


# THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT YR A 2022 11 DECEMBER

## ST JAMES PARISH COORPAROO

IS A PARISH OF ACCOMPANIMENT  
WHERE WE ENCOUNTER AND  
KNOW CHRIST, DEEPEN OUR FAITH,  
AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY



### BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

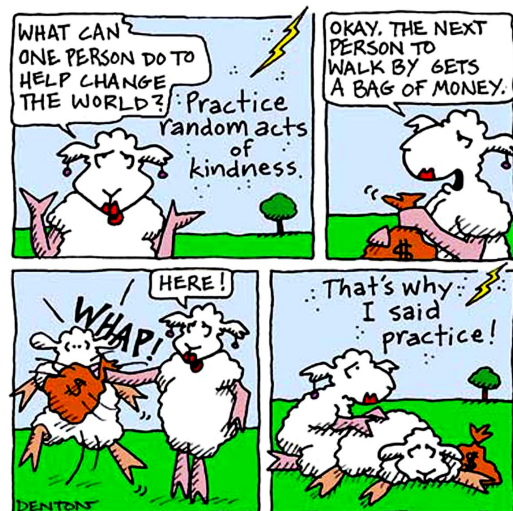
#### Are You the One?

John the Baptist sends his messengers to ask Jesus if he is the promised Messiah. Jesus answers by telling him how he has fulfilled the words of Isaiah regarding the Messiah. He has healed the lame and given sight to the blind. Jesus does not say directly that he is the Messiah, but he answered John's question.

The Jews believe that the Messiah was the anointed one, the promised king of a new Israel. Jesus answers John's questions by talking about his relationship to the people he encounters. He lets John know that he fulfills Isaiah's messianic prophecies, but his kingdom is of a different sort. He is a healer, a reconciler. He brings good news to the poor.

The kingdom in which Jesus rules as the anointed one is not a set place or a particular country. The kingdom of God is wherever God's rule of love reigns. It is where greed and prejudice, self-absorption and pettiness are not welcomed. Some find the kingdom in fleeting moments of quiet peace, others in the joyful celebration of life. For too many suffering people, the kingdom is a distant dream. However, one thing is certain; we know the kingdom can be found almost anywhere. Wherever there is healing or reconciliation, wherever the good news is proclaimed in word or action, we will find the kingdom of God. It can be shared around the kitchen table when we really listen to what each person has to say. It can be found as we bandage the scraped knee of a child and listen to the story of how she hurt herself.

The kingdom of God is not just in some far-off heaven or afterlife. It is also found in the present, in the here and now. We are called to be kingdom builders—to create a safe environment for our children where they can feel loved and valued and where they can learn to love and value others.



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"Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!"

#### Sheepish Question:

This week, what do I need to practice in order to make a positive difference in the lives of people around me?

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# Christmas Mass Times

## St James Parish Coorparoo

### 24 December

Vigil - 5.30pm Carols followed by 6.00pm Holy Mass  
(children are invited to come in Shepherds or Angels costume)

Night - 9.30pm Carols followed by 10.00pm Holy Mass

### 25 December

Christmas Day - 7.00am Holy Mass

Christmas Day - 9.00am Holy Mass

Our Savior Is Born



## This Sunday's Readings

### 3rd Sunday Advent (Year A/1)

**First Reading** *Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10* God himself will come and save us.

**Let the wilderness** and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

**Today's Psalm** 145(146):6-10 Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

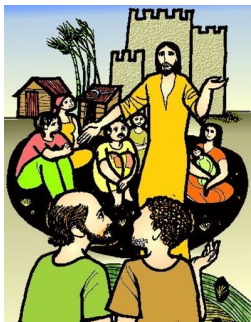
It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

**Second Reading** *James 5: 7-10* You must also be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

**Be patient, brothers**, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 11: 2-11* Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

**In due course** John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'



As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way before you.'

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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**YOUR GENEROSITY THIS CHRISTMAS**  
**WILL HELP FAMILIES SURVIVE THE**  
**COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS.**

**VISIT the JESSE TREE** with Christmas tags for gift giving - located near the side entrance to the Church.

**All donations FOR HAMPERS received by MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> December will be greatly appreciated** as the Christmas Hampers

will be delivered the following week.



**OR If you wish to give a financial donation, envelopes for this purpose will be available at the door or on the pews.**

**ALTERNATIVELY - You may wish to make a direct deposit to:**

**BSB 064786**

**ACCT 100026564**

**ACCT NAME SVDP St James Conference**

**Coorparoo**

**THANK YOU for your generous support.**

**St James Coorparoo Conference St V de P Society**



# A Festival of Readings and Carols

**Sunday 18 December 2022**  
**5:00pm**

Presented by  
The combined choirs of  
the Cathedral of St Stephen

**Free admission**  
*Retiring collection*

## Prayers

**Please pray for recently deceased:**



Zenida Gador; Bob McEwan; Helen Pinto; Kathleen Whelan; Clare Hammond; John Canavan; Jean Hickey.

**And these anniversaries:** Lourdes John; John Girard; Joanne Downey; Reg Chapman.

**Please pray for these unwell:** Ray Mitchell; Teresa Casasola; Rosalie Pascual; Patricia Hildreth; Agnes Rodda; Jose Luis Manzanilla Gil; Patricia Agnes; Fr Ming-Hoang Tan OSA; Mary-Rita Deakin; Veron Forsyth; Peter Tubii; Fr Kevin Tuitu'u CP; Kerry See; Aoife Stephenson; Neil Scanlan; Michael Simpson; Jocelyn Diaz Tibayan.

**Please pray for these Baptismal children:**

Abigail Leslie; Setefano Pupi.

## Parish news

**Our December Masses 2022 noted on church doors...**

**Roster for mass ministry helpers over the Christmas period is now available at the side entrance.** We require parish volunteers for our 4 Christmas masses. Please volunteer as Eucharistic Minister; Altar Server; Powerpoint helper; or hospitality minister to welcome people at the church doors for this important time of the year.

**This week...Parish Advent Rite of Reconciliation**  
(2nd Rite: Community Celebration + Individual Confession)  
Tuesday 13th December at 7pm.



**World Youth Day and Augustinian Youth Encounter** Dates: 19 July 2023 - 9 August 2023  
Location: Lisbon, Milan and Fatima  
**God's Word 2023 (final books) - \$20 cash**

**Bishop Michael Putney Memorial Lecture** will take place on **Thursday 17th December at 7pm.**

The Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre Cost \$10  
<https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/BMPMemorialLecture22>

**Roster for Mass Ministry volunteers**  
(Dec 2022—Mar 2023) available shortly.



## DECEMBER

**10 / 11 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation** (through Eventbrite);  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am);  
**Baptisms.**

**13 Tuesday 7pm Parish Advent Rite of Reconciliation** (2nd Rite: Community Celebration + Individual Confession)

**16-24 5am Simbang Gabi Novena + hospitality afterwards**

**16 Friday** brass cleaning after 9am mass

**17 / 18 Saturday 5-5.30pm Reconciliation** (through Eventbrite);  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent** (Saturday Vigil 6pm; Sunday 7, 9am);  
**Baptisms.**

## Parish news

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

items available for purchase from St Vincent de Paul at the front of the church...

**Christmas cards \$3**

**Franciscan calendars \$8**

**Columban calendars \$10**

**Get ready ... Cloth for the Cradle this Advent**

Available at entrances. The ribbons with your intentions will then be used to line the manger of our **Nativity Scene at Christmas Mass.**

**December Catholic Leader at entrances—\$4 a copy.**

**That Catholic Shop** - Christmas orders from Aid to the Church in Need's online store can still be made all the way up to 19 December! Broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. [www.thatcatholicshop.com](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com)



Caritas Australia—gifts for Christmas can change a life.  
[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au) Gifts of health or education or empowerment. See side entrance or church door.



"Missa de Gallo" 5am, 16-24 December... Food Sponsors and confirmed

Choirs for our 9-day Novena. Not all complete yet... see **in red** for help that's still needed. Thanks to Vange Munn for co-ordinating.

December	MUSIC GROUP	FOOD SPONSORS / HOSPITALITY
Day 1 — 16	Our Lady's Voice Choir	CFCA Handmaids of the Lord
Day 2 — 17	One Community Choir	Missionary Families of Christ QLD
Day 3 — 18	Friends Filo Group	Carina Family & Umali Group
Day 4 — 19	Dew	Nanay Dapitan Group
Day 5 — 20	Dan Farrelly	<b>To be confirmed...</b>
Day 6 — 21	Denise & Tope Dizon	Coorparoo Group
Day 7 — 22	Louie Elicano & friends	Louie Elicano and friends
Day 8 — 23	Glen Hallorina	Lielany and CFCA Handmaids
Day 9 — 24	Our Lady's Voice Choir	Wynnum Group

## Planned Giving for the Week of 4 December, 2022

Collection <u>Account numbers</u>	Loose money [not pledged]	Envelopes [pledged]	Direct Debit	Donation Tap	Total
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Collection Augustinian Priory</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100019791</b>	<b>\$754.10</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>\$695</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$1,769.10</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection St James Parish</b> BSB: 064 786 Account #: <b>100005891</b>	<b>\$580.45</b>	<b>\$175</b>	<b>\$5,505</b>	<b>\$105</b>	<b>\$6,365.45</b>



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## Weekly Mass times

**WEEKEND:** Saturday 8am; Vigil 6pm.

Sunday 7am, 9am, no longer 6pm.

**WEEKDAY:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8am **WEEKDAY:** Friday 9am.

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4.30—5.30pm... by [Eventbrite link](#) or call parish office.

**HEALING + ANOINTING MASS:** Friday 3rd February **2023** @ 9am.

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL:** Friday 6th January **2023**.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday 18 December 2022 @ 9am

## Counters

**December 10 / 11** Lorie & Lea

**December 17 / 18** Sylvia & John

Next week	4th Sunday Advent December 18	VIGIL SATURDAY 6PM	SUNDAY 7AM	SUNDAY 9AM
CHOIR (3rd weekend)	Glenn H	n/a	Canossa Choir	
COMMENTATOR	David P	Leslie S	Jan L	
LECTOR	Helen D	John D	June S	
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Collette S Paul D	Heather L	Sean H Ray M John W	
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe R / helper	Brendon / helper	Leah S / helper	
POWERPOINT	Cecilia D	Gilbert / helper	... / helper	
HOSPITALITY	Karen / Edward	Trish R /	Cathy M / John W	



## Next Sunday's Readings

**4th Sunday Advent (Year A/1)**

**First Reading** *Isaiah 7: 10-14* The virgin

will conceive.

**Second Reading** *Romans 1: 1-7* Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 1: 18-24* Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

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